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# NO ABATEMEN' BATTLE OF VERDUN

Germans Are Attacking With Unprecedented Violence and With Large Forces.

# FRENCH SAY ATTACKS HAVE BEEN FRUITLESS

Artillery on Both Sides Along the Entire Line is Keeping Up Incessant Bombardment of Opposing Positions—Heavy Casualties Are Being Inflicted on Both Sides-Fortified Villages East of the Meuse Are Declared by Berlin to be in the Hands of the Germans-French Are Bombarding Germans Positions in the Forest of Argonne and in the Vosges Mountains-Russians in the Caucasus Have Taken Additional Towns-Vienna Chronicles Drive of the Italians.

Verdun the Germans and the French m continue the great struggle which began several days ago, with the Germans on the offensive, and their aim evidently the great French fortress of

Verdun. Despite a heavy fall of snow, the Germans north of Verdun have at-cecked, with what Paris terms un-precedented violence and with large forces, French positions at several points, but according to the French official communication the attacks were without success. Especially has this been true of La Cote du Poivre, about four and one-half miles north of the fortress, the attainment of which would give the Germans a fine vantage point from which to operate against Verdun.

Action of Artillery Incessant. The artillery on both sides along the entire battle front is keeping up an incessant bombardment of opposing So heavy are the detonations of the big guns that the sound of them has penetrated eastward to the left bank

penetrated eastward to the left bank of the Rhine in Rhenish Prussia.

Heavy casualties are being inflicted by both sides, and the Germans claim that they have taken a goodly number of prisoners—the aggregate at last reports totalling more than 19,090.

East of the Meuse the fortified villegated forms of Chambrautille Cos-

Along the front in the region of Loudemont, which lies south of eBau-

Fighting in Champagne Region. Fighting also has been going on in the Champagne region and bombard ments of German positions have taken place in the forest of the Argonne and in the Vosges mountains. In Champagne the French report the capture of a German sallent south of Ste Marie-a-Py and the taking of 300 prisoners, including 21 officers and non-complisioned officers. commissioned officers. Artillery op-erations have been in progress along the British front. Bombardments, inthe British front. Bombardments, in-fantry attacks and fights with hand grenades have taken place in Russia and Galicia, but there have been no important changes in positions. The bombardments between the Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian front continue

Russians Take More Towns. in Persia have taken additional towns from the Turks. Pursuit of the Turkish forces driven out of Erzerum con-

Late reports from the British force surrounded by Turks at Kut-el-Amara say the Turks long ago ceased their at-tacks upon the besieged position.

### FEAR NEWFOUNDLAND WILL FACE FOOD FAMINE If Action is Not Immediately Taken to Secure Better Shipping Facilities.

St. John's, N. F., Feb. 25.—Fearing that the colony of Newfoundland will that the colony of Newfoundland will Minnesota Daily, the student newspa-face a feed famine in May or June if per of the University of Minnesota action is not immediately taken to secure better shipping facilities, the St.

John's Board of Trade has made a much salary must a man receive betogroup demand to the colonial govvigorous demand to the colonial govtogroup steamers. The today received replies ranging from action is not immediately taken to se ernment to prosuce steamers. The Board of Trade asks that arrangements \$500 to \$10,000 a year. Most of the be made with the British government girls were conservative in their deto have steamers furnished, even if it mands, however, and the general avebecomes necessary for the colonial gov- rage, based on early replies, is about ernment to liberally subsidize them.

remment to liberally subsidize them.

Newfoundland has already faced a similar problem regarding coal. Last December a coal shortage, caused by a lack of vessels to bring it here, obliged the government to commandeer all of the available coal in St. John's and the available coal in St. John's and distribute it to the people in small know the "latest steps" and one went so far as to say she would marry only lots. There is also a shortage of salt for fish curing. The colony usually uses 6,000 tons annually, but so far only 10,000 tons have been received. The colonial government, however, is negotiating with the British admiralty to secure ships to Spain and Sicily. ships to import salt from

### PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY BY GERMAN DEFENDANTS Entered in Trial for Conspiracies a

San Francisco. San Francisco, Feb. 25.-Pleas not guilty were entered today by defendants in the alleged German ship-ping conspiracies to violate Ameri-can neutrality, in the United States district court. Date of trial will be

arranged Monday, attorneys said.
Sixteen individuals and three shipping firms answered to the charges. Eight other persons have not been ar-rested. Most of them were members of the crew of the steamer Sacramen to, which was alleged to have sup-plied German warships off the Chilear

coast late in 1914. Among the defendants who appear ed were Baron E. H. Von Schack, German vice consul-general, H. W. E. Kaufman, chancellor of the con-sulate, and Maurice A. Hall, Turkish consul-general.

### MOLDERS AND CORE MAKERS ON STRIKE AT WESTFIELD.

In One of the Plants or the H. B Smith Company.

Westfield, Mass., Feb. 25 .- One hundred and fifteen loop moulders and core makers in one of the plants of the H. B. Smith company, manufacturers of steam bollers and railiators, struck today because of dissatisfaction with a recent increase in pay. The plece workers who received an eight per cent. increase, according to their estimates, ask for 25 per cent. The specific demands of the other strikers were not formulated today. It was stated that six hundred men would made idle if the strike continube made idle

company, employing 1200 hands, were shut down as a result of the strike of

The Russians in the Caucasus and

Italians Driven Back. Vienna records a further drive of the Italians before the Austro-Hun-garians east and southeast of Durazzo, Albania. Eleven Italian officers, howlages and farms of Chambneuville, Costellate, Marmont, Beaumont, Chambrettes and Ornes are declared by Berlin to be in the hands of the Germans, as likewise are French positions north of Verdun reaching to the ridge of their endeavors to escape.

### WHAT GIRLS REQUIRE OF MEN THEY WOULD MARRY Salary Range of from \$800 to \$10,000 -One Wants a "Dreamy Dancer."

Minneapolis, Minni, Feb. 25.-Th which had asked the women stude of the institution the question. "H \$1.600

t man who was a "dreamy dancer."

Smoking would be permitted, even demanded by a large number of the girls, but drinking would be pdohibit-ed and those who advocated card playing say bridge should be substituted for poker, although one girl con-cedes her future husband one night a week for the latter game,

# V. J. MAYO MUST

### SUBMIT TO EXAMINATION Before Trial For Alleged Breach of Marriage-Sued For \$250,000.

New York, Feb. 25 .- Virginius Mayo, a New Haven manufacturer must submit to examination before the trial of an action brought by Wilhel-mina Meyer, or Wilhelmina Mayofi to recover from him \$250,000 for alleged of marriage, according to sion handed down today decision y the appellate division of the su-

preme court. The plaintiff alleges that Mago and The plaintin alleges that Majo and she went through a marriage ceremony in Brooklyn on April 2, 1994. She asserts that at the time Mayo had a wife living, of which fact she was ignorant; and that she and Mayo lived as man and wife for eleven years, till latter having brought suit in Penn-sylvania to obtain a diverce. The deree was granted to the first wife ac cording to the plaintiff, in Schauton in June, 1915. The plaintiff then brought suit alleging breach of promise, fraud and deceit. She declares Mayo's inome to be \$100 000 a year.

### STORM PLAYED HAVOC WITH TELEPHONE SERVICE Manhole Troubles Disconnected Wires in Waterbury.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 25.-The rain storm here today played havoe with the telephone service, about 1,000 sub-scribers being affected. Manhole trou-bles disconnected the wires for about 500 local subscribers, and all the wires between this city and Prospect were down. The toil lines between Water-bury and Bridgeport, New Haven and Naugatuck were down for a short time early in the day, owing to the ice storm In January both the plants of the company, employing 1200 hands, were shut down as a result of the strike of laborers, who finally went back at intwo charges of dynamite.

# Cabled Paragraphs

Spanish Bond Issue of \$20,000,000. Madrid, Spain, Feb. 25, via Faris, p. m.—A royal decree, issued today, uthorizes the issue on March 1st of per cent. bonds to the amount of 00,000,000 pesetas (about \$20,000,000).

Serious Outbreak in Berlin. Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 24, 10.55 p. m.—The Echo Belge, a copy of which has been received here, says it learns that a serious outbreak occurred in Berlin three days ago. Caval-ry charged the crowd and in the fight which ensued over one hundred persons were killed.

Rumania Calling Troops. London, Feb. 25, 11.01 p. m.—Reu ter's Amsterdam correspondent send report received there from Bucharest to the effect that the Rumanian war office has announced that al! natural-ized Rumanian citizens between the ages of 21 and 46 must report themselves for military service

FOR REGULATION OF

RUSSIAN CENSORSHIP. Diet Adopts Resolution Placing Restrictions Upon It.

Berlin, Feb. 24, via London, Feb. 25, 40 p. m.—The Prussian Diet ended 10.40 p. m.—The Prussian Diet ended its consideration of the censorship by adopting resolutions demanding that the censorship be restricted to questions imposed by the necess'ties of military operations; that it be uni-formely exercised and that civillan autherities who fulfill the duties of cen-sorship assume responsibility for their action. Another resolution demanding

freedom to discuss the alms of the war was also adopted. The two day debate showed that the members of the Diet, like the members of the Reichstag, do not complain of the military censorship but accuse the olitical censorship of issuing indefin ble orders, especially complain of its ack of uniformity.

Herr Bachmeisler, a national liberal declared that one censor struck out sentences from an address by Emperor William and that one newspa-per had been warned that it might comment on proceedings in the reichstag only along lines laid down in the chancellor's speech. The censor, Herr Bachmetsler declared, undoubtedly followed political lines.

### MAIL POUCH STOLEN FROM HARTFORD DEPOT

Found Later With Registered Letters Opened and Contents Removed.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 25.—It was al authorities that a mail pouch con aining registered mail had been stol en from the local depot of the New York, New Haven and Hartford rail-road last night and its contents rified. The bag was found near the station Examination showed that res istered letters had been opened and the empty envelopes returned to the In some instances where the en-

bag. In some instances where the envelopes contained checks the checks were returned. There is no clue so far to the robbers.

The pouch was brought to this city on the train which arrived from Boston by way of Springfield shortly after 10 o'clock.

# FEDERAL WARRANT FOR

### DR. J. GRANT LYMAN rear He Might Obtain Release Unde Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 25.-Federal officials here, fearing that Dr. J. Grant Lyman, held at St. Petersburg, might obtain release from the state authori-ties under habeas corpus proceedings, today went before District Attorney Phillips and obtained a warrant for the man. Marshal Reynolds and Posal Inspector Reese left for St Peters ourg this afternoon to serve the war

Chief of Police Easters, of St. Petersburg, said over the telephone he was not sure he would give up Ly-man to any one save federal officers from New York. He said Lyman had told him he would go back to New York without further proceedings.

# NEW FREIGHT EMBARGO

BY PENNSYLVANIA ROAD On Consignments to Philadelphia Other Than Foodstuffs and Perishable Goods.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.-An embarg on all freight consigned to this city except foodstuffs, perishable freigh and livestock, was announced tonight by the Pennsylvania Railroad com-The announcement declared that this step was made necessary by the congertion caused by the failure of consignees to unload their cars promptly.

The company is now holding 12,000 cars of freight destined for Philadelphia, 5,982 on tracks in this city and 6,028 at various places on the rallroad.

# WANTS FINAL ACTION ON

PHILIPINE BILL DEFERRED Until End of the War-Merchants of Islands Send Request to Congress.

Manilla, Feb. 25.-The Merchants association, the membership of which is largely American, voted today to nappeal to congress to hole cable a nappeal to congress to hold off final action on the Philippine bill until the end of the war. The Brit-ish and Filipino members of the asso-ciation declined to join in the appeal, the Britishers on the ground that they were foreigners and the Filipinos aft-er they had conferred with Sergio Osnena, Filipino delegate to congress.

# OBITUARY.

# Prof. L. P. Chamberlain.

Rocky Hill, Conn., Feb. 25.—Prof. L. P. Chamberlain, former professor of agriculture at the Connecticut Agricultural college and at one time su perintendent of the state reform school at Meroden, died at his home here tonight of infirmities incident to old age. He was 86 years old. He was a brother of the late Daniel H. Chamberlain. former governor of South Carolina

# Isaac E. Gates.

New York, Feb. 25. — Isaac E. Gries at one time vice president of the Southern Pacific railroad and exe-cutor of the estate of Collis P Hunt-ington, his brother-in-law, died here today at the age of \$4 years. He was 'n Connecticat

Glasgow, Feb. 24.-Arrived: Steam-Cameronian, New York via Liver-London, Deb. 24.-Arrived: er Corinthian, St. John, N. B.

Movements of Steamships,

NORTH STAR

Ship Pushed Her Nose Into Mud of Castle Island in a Heavy Fog-Passengers Transferred in Storm.

Boston, Feb. 25 .- The Eastern Steameavy fog tonight while working her

# Steamer Aground Naval System in Boston Harbor Severely Criticised

INTERNATIONAL LINE STEAMER BY ADMIRAL WINSLOW BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE

NO GREAT DANGER FAVORS SEA TRAINING

Wrong-Urged Restoration of Old

Washington, Feb. 25.-The United ship corporation's International Line States navy whole system of govern-steamer North Star pushed her nose into the mud of Castle Island in a of officers to questions of ship and gun construction, was sharply critiway into the harbor with passengers cized before the house naval commit-

# Says Education of Naval Academy is

Grade of Midshipmen in the Fleet.

# Where It Does the Most Good

For the purpose of making Philadelphia one of the most widely known cities in the world as an industrial and commercial center, the mayor is going to advertise the city on a scale never before contemplated. He is going to use the old and well-tried medium of advertising however to accomplish his purpose and will ask the city fathers for a half million dollars appropriation as soon as the money can be provided for carrying out his plan.

He knows what advertising has done in other lines of endeavor and he has faith in the belief that it will be able to accomplish just as good results for a municipality and the appropriations according to his statement will go right into the newspapers and other publications-in other words into printer's ink-where it would do the most

The mayor of Philadelphia nor any other man would put that sum into advertising unless he had been convinced that it would bring results. He knows that it pays and what pays in that or any other city pays here. The Bulletin's advertising service is thorough and far-reaching. It possesses the qualities which pay the advertiser, In the past week the following matter has appeared in its col-

Bulletin		7	Felegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday,	Feb.	19.	. 76	165	1045	1286
Monday,	Feb.	21.	. 96	137	205	438
. Tuesday,	Feb.	22.	. 90	142	250	482
Wednesday,	Feb.	23.	. 116	143	163	422
Thursday,	Feb.	24.	. 105	139	232	476
Friday,	Feb.	25.	. 88	127	188	403
Totals			. 571	853	2083	3507

and freight from St. John, N. B., East-

Passengers Transferred. ough it was said the steamer i no danger, Captain Mitchell lately accomplished a transfer Although it was said the the thirty passengers to tugs

elting rain, and they were brought to Efforts to Tow Her Free Failed. The steamer ran ashore at high tide and was still held fast at midnight, but it was hoped to release her with the assistance of tugs at high tide tomor-row. Efforts to tow her free during

### the night were unsuccessful. Unusually Dense Fog.

The fog which enshrouded the har-or, said by mariners to be denser than any that has been known in recent years, was the primary cause of the mishap, but Captain Mitchell as-serted that he would have made his way through the murk but for the ab-sence of a bell buoy which had marked the outer edge of the island until a day

### ORGANIZED MINERS FROM CENTRAL BITUMINOUS FIELDS.

# Are Drafting a Plan to Submit to Operators in Pennsylvania.

New York, Feb. 25.-Organized mine orkers from the central competitive rafting a plan which will show the perators of Western Pennsy hio, Indiana, and Illinois the Pennsylvania. rates the miners are asking them to pay under the mine run system de-manded by the workers. There was no joint session today of the operators and miners, the latter having asked for a recess to work out the plan. The mine owner readily consented and will meet the delegates of the workers

There is a possibility that the meeting of the joint sub-committee of the anthracite miners and operators which was to have been held in this city next Monday afternoon may be deferred several days, provided the soft coal situation reaches a point where oal situation reaches a point where settlement can be reached promptly negotiations are continued without iterruption. President John White of the United Mine Workers said today he was anxious to clear up he bituminous situation before going leeply into the anthracite wage con-

### INQUIRY INTO MILK TRANSPORTATION RATES

Costs One Dairyman More to Produce Milk Than He Receives For It.

born, of Gilmantonfi N. H., a farm owner, who was formerly president of the Missouri State College of Agriculture, asserted at the Interstate Commerce Commission inquiry into milk transportation rates today that the farmers of New England could not stand the proposed increases. He testified that his stock yielded at average of one hundred cans of milk daily, about one thousand quarts, and that it cost him more to produce the milk than he received from the deal-er for it. He was at one time su-perintendent of the farm connected with New Hampshire State college and also founded the Utah State College

of Agriculture. Mr. Sanborn described the condition of the farming industry in New England as prostrate. The number of a li-cows had decreased and the boys were leaving the farms, he said. He fig-Steam- ured the average revenue of the farmer at about \$318 a year.

# tee today by Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, Without radical changes, the admiral declared, a fully efficient

Education at Annapolis Wrong, Yesterday Admiral Winslow told committee the establishment of a eneral staff, composed of active line

# (Continued on Page Three) CONGRESS IS PLAYING

A WAITING GAME Determined to Take No Action That Will Embarrass Administration.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Congress set-led down today to await develop-nents in the submarine controversy setween the United States and Ger ty of both houses apparently very deinitely determined to take no action which might embarrass the administration in the present stage of diplo matic negotiations. A few of the more ardent advicates of legislation to keep Americans off armed ships continued their activities and Former Secretary Bryan's support for then was shown in the form of a tele gram, but most of them admitted there was no prospect of immediate

action. So far as the administration is con erned, it was said authoritatively to-night that while any agitation of the ssue just now was undesirable, there was no disposition to oppose a vote on the pending armed ship resolutions if their sponsors tred to force one. It was declared that reports from the capitol during the day showed con-clusively that both the senate and the house would stand behind Presi-dent Wilson in his refusal to permit any abridgement of the rights of American citizens on the seas, as outfined in his letter to Senator Stone last night.

### THICK FOG OVER NEW YORK BAY AND SOUND Hampered Movements of Shipping-All Sound Boats Delayed.

New York, Feb. 25 .- A thick fog hanging low over the harbor, Long Island sound and the bay tonight hampered the movements of shipping. The sound boats Plymouth and Boston due to leave at 5.20 o'clock tonight, remained at their docks until 10.25 and 10,30, respectively. Other sound boats also delayed their departure several

The American liner Finland, which left early in the afternoon for Liver-pool, anchored off Quarantine about 5 o'clock, and at a late hour tonight showed no signs of continuing her you age. The steamers Jamestown Concho, inward bound from Norfolk and Galveston, respectively, dropped anchor off Sandy Hook, unwilling to venture through the harbor in the

# COLLISION ON PLYMOUTH

DIVISION OF N. H. ROAD Several Persons Were Slightly Injured -Accident Due to Fog.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Several persons were slightly injured today in a collision between a local train on the Plymouth division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and

## **Condensed Telegrams**

Warring Chine tongs at Portland, re., signed a 30 day truce.

inquiries for 11,000 freight cars are reported in the equipment market.

The old state building at Lansing Mich., was seriously damaged by fire

Astria-Hungary has taken steps to centralize and regulate foreign

Rumania has arranged to sell 100,000 arloads of grain to an Austro-German syndicate.

Canadian munitions manufacturers have made large purchases of antimony in New York.

Fire destroyed the H. L. Joyce furniture warehouse at Binghamton, N. Y. at a loss of \$50,000.

Lawrence Killian, said to belong in a section, died of heart disease in a chair at a Hartford hotel. During 1915 the New York Central

andled 4,507,759 carloads of freight ne every seven seconds. Great Britain is considering levying heavy tax on American soaps to re-ice the quantity of imports.

The Pittsburgh Steamship company as ordered two steamers from the has ordered two steamers from American Shipbuilding company.

The condition of the bakeries in New Britain are not satisfactory to the board of health of that city.

A large acid and chemical manufacring plant will be erected at Wash-gton, Del., by the Pyrites Co., Ltd. The giant Cunard liner Mauretania, sister ship of the ill-fated Lusitania, will resume its trans-Atlantic schedule,

Hartford has the oldest postman in point of service in the United States. He is William H. Shaffer, 74 years Burglars blew open a safe in St.

escaped with service articles valued at \$1,000. The Merchants' & Miners' Steamship steamer Junita, Baltimore for Boston, is fast aground in Vineyard

Machinists from all shops in Richnond, Berkeley and Portsmouth, Va., roted to go on strike for higher wages nd shorter hours.

or the martyred Edith Cavell. British war nurse, by naming a large western mountain peak for her. Hans Wagner, veteran star of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the oldest ac-ive player in the big leagues, cele-

President Wilson has consented to flow the Georgia Democratic dele-rates to the National convention to se his name for renomination.

A strike involving 450 employes took lace today at the Williams and Clark clant of the American Agricultural hemical company at Roosevelt, N. J. A call has been issued for all Con-

eticut men who attended camp at attsburgh, N. Y., last summer Plattsburgh. et at the New Haven Lawn club Kensas grain dealers and growers stimated that the probable wheat eld has been reduced 25,000,000

deld has been by the coating of ice on the cround. Nearly 1.000 employes of the Erie Railroad shop in Meadville, Pa., are to be given an increase in wages. The advance amounts to from one to two

ents an hour. The Swedish steamship Roland, ound for Hartlepool, England, from Norway, England, from Norway, has been sunk in the North sea. The

crew was saved. Senator Walsh's amendment about which the fight on the Shield dar bill has centered in the senate for sev dam eral days, was defeated yesterday by

About 54,000 square feet of land on Halsted street, Chicago, has been pur-chased by the Baltimore & Ohio rallroad Terminal Co., at a price reported to be \$435,000.

C. C. James, United States post of

fice inspector, famous for the detec-

a vote of 34 to 18.

mark.

tion and capture of many post office robbers, died at his home at Sauger-ties, N. Y., aged 67. The pay of 1,700 employes will b increased by seven and one-half per cent, beginning March 1, it was an-nounced at Houghton, Mich., by the

Quincy Mining company. Damage of \$20,000 was caused when the 3-inch field gun of Battery B of Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., and 1,200 Krag rifles with 7,000 rounds

of ammunition were destroyed by fire, A woman secured naturalization pain the United States court at Hartford, giving as her reason that it would be easier going back and forth between this country and Den-

The John Hubbard Curtis prize Tale, the income of a fund of \$2,500, has been awarded to Morris Hadley, son of the president of the university. The prize is awarded for excellence in literary work. Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland, former United States ambassador to

France, was filed with Secretary of State Hilderbrant, of Ohlo, his declaration of candidacy for the republican mination for United States senu-Three large steamships, the Venezuourchased for the Panama Canal trade by the American International Cor-poration of New York from the Royal

### Dutch West India Mail for \$4,000,-Salesman Found Dead in Hotel

Providence. Providence, R. I., Feb. 25.—John H. Waller, 42, of Brooklyn, N. Y., salesman for a New York match concern,

# in Engine Cab?

BETWEEN ENGINEER CURTIS AND SWEENEY, THE THIRD MAN

### CORONER MIX PUZZLED

Only a Scuffle or That Curtis Dropped Dead of Heart Disease Can Account for His Running Past Caution Signal.

New Haven, Feb. 25.—Coroner Eli Mix's probe into the Milford wreck today resolved itself into an effort to olve the mystery of Engineer W. R.

Curtiss' cab.
In the cab of Train No. 5 were Engineer Curtiss, Fireman Edward Mc-Ginnis and Harry Sweeney. The coroner today learned, that only two or three minutes before the wreck affairs seemed to be normal in the cab. But what happened after that, is as much a mystery to the coroner as to everyone else. And it may never be cleared up.

Apparently the three men weren't paying much attention to each other.

paying much attention to each other when last seen alive. This noon Coroner Mix consented to

### talk, to a limited extent Three Persons in Cab.

Mr. Mix said that this morning he examined a witness who was at the Woodmont tower when Train No. 5 bassed there, south bound. This witness saw a man in citizens' clothes, presumably Sweeney, sitting in the ireman's seat; Fireman McGinnis was on the left side of the engine, leaning out of the window. On the right hand dide the witness saw a man in working clothes in the engineer's seat; this man apparently being Curtis. The fireman, in overalls, was looking into the landscape, and when passing the ower he put up his hand in greeting of the witness witness also shook his rm, as a signal of greeting. Thus it is established that three persons were the cab when the train passed codmont tower. This witness also looked at the first ignal of the block. This signal was

### signal of the block, set against Curtis. Signal Plainly Visible.

This signal is plainly visible from the Woodmont tower. According to indications Curtis did not slow speed, oted to go on strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

Canada has officially decided to hon-

out of stone or dead.

The coroner also examined W. B.
Brandt, conductor of Curtis train.
Mr. Mix did not care to divulge one
particle of his testimony, evidently
considering it of the highest importance. When asked whether the con-ductor knew that Sweeney was rid-ing in the cab, the coroner declined

to answer. Asked as to his activity today, the coroner replied, that he examined one witness concerning the air hose, and that he expects to finish his inquiry within an hour or two.

#### Why Sweeney Was in Cab is Not Clear.

How Sweeney came to New Haven from Stamford and why he was in the cab going back to Stamford was

not made clear thus far. The report runs that Sweeney was The report runs that Sweeney was engaged as a coupler of electric englines at Stamford. At 6 a. m. the day of the wreck he went to work as usual, but at 8.15 o'clock he presented is resignation to the foreman. Sweeney came to New Haven. It is not certain what he sought here, but it might be that he applied for a Job in the New Haven terminal, was turn-ed down and rode back with Curtis.

Coroner in Dark on Many Points. In fact the coroner professed that was completely in the dark on these points.

Curtis Had Fine Record. Curtis had a fine seven-year record tack of him; he always spoke well of the road, and it is said that Sweeney didn't. It is likely that Sweeney ex-pressed his soreness over being turn-ed down, that Curtis called Sweeney to account, and that in an instant af-ter passing the Woodmont tower there was a fight in progress. Only a fight or that Curits had dropped dead in his seat of heart disease can exlain that he ran past the caution signal, killed a human signal, Flagman Tourtelotte, then ignored the danger signal and a mile further on crashed

# into the rear of Train 79.

DEMURRER FILED BY CHARLES S. MELLEN Against the Amended Bill of Minority Stockholders of N. H. Road.

Boston, Feb. 25 .- A demurrer was filed in the supreme court today by Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hart-ford railroad, against the amended bill of Ralph S. Bartlett and other mi-nority stockholders of the road, who seek to recover \$102,000,000 alleged to have been illegally expended by the directors about ten years ago chasing street rallway and steamship

lines. Mr. Mellen says that the amended bill does not allege that the directors of the stockholders in voting to re-fuse to bring suits in the name of the company against the directors who served between 1904 and 1909 were improperly influenced by the defendants, or that they were wilfully disregardful of the interests of the company or were in corrupt consideration with the defendants. The demurrer also pleads the statute of limitations. In previous demurrer filed last Wed-nesday in behalf of the company, it

was claimed that the plaintiffs had not

shown that they were acting in be-half of all the stockholders.

Car Ran Him Down.

### BRIDGEPORT TROLLEY CONDUCTOR FATALLY CRUSHED Was About to Start Car When Another

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 25 .- As Walter Shaw, a trolley conductor, was changing the trolley at the end of his run at the Ash creek bridge, Fairfield, tonight, preparatory to starting back into the city, another car on the same track, headed toward Fairfield, ran him down and crushed both his thighs. a light engine in the yards outside the South station. The accident is said to have been due to the fog. Two passengers sustained broken ribs. Others were cut by glass and bruised.

In the series of the results of the series o He died within an hour in a local hos-pital. Shaw, who was about 30 years old, came here about three weeks ago